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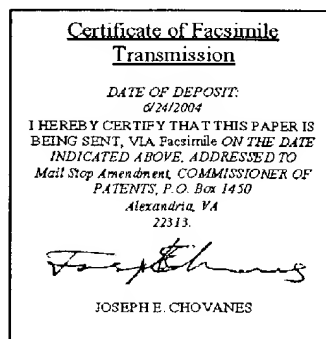
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For: **APPARATUS AND SYSTEMS FOR
MEASURING, MONITORING, TRACKING
AND SIMULATING ENTERPRISE
COMMUNICATIONS AND PROCESSES**

Art Unit: 2163

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the first Office Action dated May 26, 2004. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention identified by the Examiner as Claim Group 1, presently comprised of claims 1-27, drawn to a message system.

Applicant reserves the right to file during the pendency of the present application divisional application(s) in order to prosecute the invention identified by the Examiner as Claim Group II, presently comprised of claims 28-42 drawn to a simulator.

Applicant has also set forth below a preliminary amendment as well as some remarks regarding art referred to in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

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